

To Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 608 without my signature.

This bill would authorize the Department of General Services to exchange a parcel of State-owned land with Syar Industries along the area known as the River to Ridge Trail in Napa County.

A small portion of the River to Ridge Trail, which is mostly located on State property within an easement, was built outside of the easement onto private property. The State would incur costs to comply with California Environmental Quality Act requirements, complete an appraisal, and conduct surveys, among other staff costs for a land exchange. Napa County can resolve this issue by either relocating the trail back within the existing easement, or condemning the private property. The State should not incur costs when there are other available remedies.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger